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September—October 2007

#### You are invited to the Festival on the Trails —September 14-15th



Country music star Jo Dee Messina will light up the Embarq Stage on Saturday night at 8 p.m. with a free concert for all of Gardner!

It's finally here! The Festival on the Trails will be happening in historic downtown Gardner on September 14th-15th. Make plans to attend both days' festivities. Friday's events kick off at 11:00 a.m. with an opening ceremony held on the stage behind Gardner City Hall, followed by a Jazz Lunch featuring the Gardner-Edgerton Jazz Band and conclude with a Street Dance following the Gardner-Edgerton Football game.

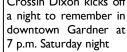
During the day the there will be a variety of children's activities. including Cowgirl Peg, Ron's Cowboy Poet, and much, much

more. In addition, you are invited to the groundbreaking ceremonies for Gardner Junction Park, at 183rd Street and 56 Hwy. This park will denote Gardner's historic place in the westward expansion of the United States as the last location where the California, Oregon and Santa Fe Trails met and lent the name to the Festival on the Trails.

Saturday kicks off with a community Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. and should fill your tummies for the rest of the days exciting activities. Don't miss the Wild West show or several of your local favorite musical acts that will be live on stage in the afternoon, including Static 210, Drew 6, and Billy Doores Band. Saturday night concludes the Festival on the Trails with presentation of the Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race awards, followed by a huge concert

featuring opening act Crossin Dixon and main act Jo Dee Messina. Fireworks will light up the night sky following the concert to wish Gardner well into the next 150 vears!!

Other activities at the Festival on the Trails on both Friday and Crossin Dixon kicks off Saturday include an Art Fair a night to remember in featuring local and regional artists, Chuckwagon Alley with all your favorite fair foods, Buckaroo Corral



for youth, pony rides and main stage events!

Don't miss Gardner's big event! Plan your weekend at www.festivalonthetrails.org or www.gardnerkansas.gov.

### **KC Logistics Hub Update**

Plans to construct an intermodal and logistics park continue to move forward by BNSF and the Allen Group. BNSF in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers will hold a joint public meeting with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at Mildale Farm located at 35250 West 199th Street from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information to assist the US Army Corps of Engineers in reviewing BNSF's application under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act as it primarily relates to relocation of a stream and mitigation of wetland for the purpose of constructing the intermodal facility. The decision to issue the permit requires public input related to a variety of factors. To learn more about the process visit: http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/ public notices.htm.

City staff continues to gather information on water, wastewater and electric services as part of the The water and project. wastewater studies will go September. Also on Sep- ■ tember 4th, the City Coun-



cil will consider hiring a professional negotiator for the project. If hired the negotiator will begin discussion with BNSF and Allen Group on a variety of issues that will assist the Council in determining under what terms annexation would occur. The Council would then make the final decision on whether annexation will occur based on these negotiations.







Dear Residents,

Summer has come to an end, the kids have returned to school and fall is in the air. Before long we will be looking forward to that little chill in the morning and leaves turning beautiful colors.

Summer, 2007, proved to be the perfect time to unveil our newest leisure time amenity -- Gardner's Aquatic Center was THE place to be and a great addition to our already wonderful City! The attendance showed this project was overdue and our voters made a great choice when they passed the special sales tax. This tax also allows for construction of Celebration Park, located south of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and West of Waverly. We are all looking forward to the opening of this facility which will provide baseball and softball fields, soccer and football fields, hiking and biking trails and even fishing!

The weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will provide everyone a chance to get out and enjoy our transition into fall. The Festival on the Trails event commemorates Gardner's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and offers fun for all ages. Ladies – take a break from the kitchen on Friday and Saturday, because you and your family can eat at Chuck Wagon Alley - open Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. By eating at Chuck Wagon Alley, you will not only be enjoying delicious food, you will be showing your support for local non-profit organizations and churches. There will be events on the Embarq Stage both days and a special kid's area called the Buckaroo Corral. The Gardner Idol Contest will draw a big crowd, as will the three bands who will play throughout the day. There is even an Art Fair on Elm Street! Check the City website at <a href="https://www.gardnerkansas.gov">www.gardnerkansas.gov</a> for up-to-date information, times and other activities.

On Friday night, be sure to attend the Gardner Edgerton High School football game (Go Blazers!!). Gardner's Largest Tailgate Party starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot of the High School. Celebrity Catering will cater the event for those who prefer to purchase food, rather than bring their own. At 7:00 p.m., prior to the start of the game, there will be a Parachute event over the stadium – another 150 activity we can all enjoy!

Excitement continues to build about the free concert – Award-winning recording artist Jo Dee Messina will be performing Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Her opening act is an up and coming group called Crossin Dixon. And, after the show, to wind up our special birthday celebration – a spectacular fire works display!

The 150 Committee and The Festival Committee have been working hard to bring our community this once in a lifetime Sesquicentennial celebration. Please plan now to attend and be part of this memorable event. Bring your family, your neighbors and your friends – I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



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# Gardner Parks and Recreation

September-October 2007



# New in Spring 2008!

Gardner Parks & Recreation will offer Competitive Youth Baseball and Softball in addition to the Recreational Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball leagues in Spring 2008.

For more information, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov, or call 856-0936.

# Athletics

# Youth Flag Football

This is the Gardner Parks and Recreation non-contact flag football league. Sign up for Flag Football and you'll not only learn the game, you'll love it! Practices will begin in early October with games beginning in late October. Games are generally played on Saturday mornings and one night during the week.

Registration Deadline: September 7th

**Location:** Westside Sports Complex

**Grades:** 1st thru 8th

**Fee:** \$50.00

## Youth Cheerleading

Come cheer your Gardner Parks and Recreation's Flag Football team to victory!! Participants will attend training sessions to learn chants and cheers. Uniforms will be provided, and may be kept by participants at the end of the season. Games are played on Saturday mornings and possibly one night during the week. Participants will arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to meet for warm-up and preparation.

Registration Deadline: September 7th

**Location:** Westside Sports Complex

Grades: K thru 6th

Fee: \$50.00

(\$30.00 for returning cheerleaders who still have their uniform.)

## Youth Volleyball

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Volleyball League is open to all kids grades 3rd through 6th. Learn the specifics of bumping, passing, setting, serving and learn how to play by the rules. Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in mid-October. Games will be played on Saturday mornings and, occasionally, one night a week.

Registration Deadline: September 7th

Location: TBA

Grades: 3rd thru 6th

Fee: \$45.00

























# FOR YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING, AND VOLLEYBALL

Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

New and returning coaches and squad leaders must submit a 2007 coaching application by August 31st.



#### Registration Opens September 24.

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League is an instructional/recreational league open to all boys and girls grades 1st thru 6th. Basic fundamentals and sportsmanship are stressed. Teams will practice twice a week and play games on

Saturdays. Teams consist of 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, and 5th and 6th grade, which are separated into boys and girls leagues. Practices will begin in late November, with games beginning early January.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2007-2008 coaching application by October 19. Location: TBA Grades: 1st thru 6th

**Fee:** \$50.00

**Registration Deadline:** October 26

Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.



Photo by Jim Cook Photography

### Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae Kwon Do, the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Sessions I: September 26 to October 31 Session II: November 7 to December 12 Session III: January 2 to February 6

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Age:** 6 years or older

Location: Senior Citizens Building

Fee: \$50.00 per Session

Registration Deadline: The Friday before session starts.

## Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in martial arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of martial arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Sessions I: September 26 to October 31 Session II: November 7 to December 12 Session III: January 2 to February 6

**Time:** 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Age:** 6 years or older

Location: Senior Citizens Building

Fee: \$55.00 per Session

Registration Deadline: The Friday before session starts.



These leagues are for men and women, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts with numbers. Games will be played at a gymnasium located in Gardner. Teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until leagues are full. All leagues will consist of a minimum of 7 games. Awards will go to 1st and 2nd place teams.

League Fees: \$350

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted.

Mon. 6:30-9:30 p.m.





Women's



Fall LeaguesProgramStartDay/TimeMen'sOct. 10Wed. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: September 28th

Oct. 8

Winter Leagues						
Program	Start	Day/Time				
Men's	Jan. 9	Wed. 6:30 <b>-</b> 9:30 p.m.				
Men's	Jan. 13	Sun. 6:30-9:30 p.m.				
Women's	Jan. 7	Mon. 6:30-9:30 p.m.				

Registration Deadline: December 28th

# Recreational Activities

# Little Buckaroo Days

Be a Cowgirl or a Cowboy for a day! Each child will learn all about horses, get riding instruction and learn the different events that you can do with a horse. Free goodie bags to the kids will be provided by the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department. At the end of the camp each child will get their picture taken with their horse, as well as receive a free t-shirt!

The instructors, Norma Troxel, Mandy Hickman and their staff have much experience in giving lessons, showing, training, judging, rodeoing and working with youth. All horses have much experience working with children and new riders.

Date: Saturday, October 6

Time: Camp I 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Camp II 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Camp III 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Age:** 7-12

Fee: \$60.00 (Includes instructor fee, horse,

goodie bag, t-shirt and a picture)

Location: Johnson County Fair Grounds Registration Deadline: September 28 Each class is limited to 4 riders, so sign up today!

Special registration forms will be available at City Hall, online at www.gardnerkansas.gov, or can be mailed to you upon request.



# Halloween Boo Bash









Fall is in the air and Gardner Parks & Recreation is holding our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Boo Bash, one of our biggest and best parties of the year! Join us for ghastly games, spooktacular activities, tons of candy, door prizes, and our not-so-haunted haunted house. Ghosts and Goblins come dressed in your scariest, spookiest, silliest costumes!

Date: October 31

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Fee:** 1 can of food for local food pantry

Location: Green Building, Johnson County Fair Grounds

Age: 12 and under

## Watercolors

Students in this class will work with water-based paints to create board, canvas and watercolor paper works. Students are required to bring their own water-based paints, pencils and erasers, brushes, and a bag/satchel to carry it all in. Students must also supply their own roll of paper towels, easel and small floor tarp. Boards, canvas, and watercolor paper supplied by instructor.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Day of the Week: Tuesday

**Dates:** October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Fee:** \$75.00 (supplies not included)

Age: 11 years and up

Location: Senior Citizens Building
Registration Deadline: September 21

## Friday Night Pumpkin Carving

Get ready to BOOO your neighbors with this year's Halloween porch decorations! Participants can create their own jack-o-lantern at this fun filled workshop. This event is BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin). We will supply the carving tools and patterns. *Helpful hint:* Select a pumpkin that is even in color and has a flat bottom so it sits upright. Please bring your pumpkin already cleaned out!

Maximum 20 participants per session. One pumpkin per person.

Date: October 19

**Time:** Session I 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Session II 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5.00 per person

Age: 3-12 (ages 4 and under must be

accompanied by and adult)
n: Senior Citizens Building

**Location:** Senior Citizens Building **Registration Deadline:** October 12



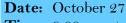
# **Babysitting Clinic**

Hey Kids! Looking for a way to make money? Forget Saturday morning cartoons! Come and join us for incredibly fun and information packed classes that will turn you into a safe, smart, super sitter! You will learn some really cool stuff like: Baby-sitting basics, do's and don'ts, being prepared, what to do in an emergency, basic first aid, help with problems and everything you wanted to know to feel confident about being a good babysitter. Babysitting is often a first career for youth, but it is also a job that must be taken seriously and responsibly. Quick, tell Mom or Dad this class fills up fast! Each participant will receive a babysitting manual, which may be taken along to jobs as a handy reference. To earn a certificate, entire session must be completed. Ages 11 and older.

Please bring a sack lunch.

Refrigerator and microwave will be available for use.





**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00

Age: 11 years and older

**Location:** Senior Citizens Building **Registration Deadline:** October 19

## Self-Defense

#### Don't Let Predators Prey On You!

Do you have a concern for your personal safety? Come listen to this FREE seminar co-sponsored by Gardner Parks and Recreation and the Gardner Department of Public Safety. This presentation is designed for men, women, boys and girls of all ages who want to learn how to best avoid becoming a victim. We will discuss personal safety in your home, automobile and in public settings. You will also learn about internet crime and how to stay away from online predators. This presentation will be given by Sergeant Steve Benz from the Gardner Department of Public Safety.

Although several self defense techniques will be demonstrated, during this seminar participants will not be asked to do any physical activity.



Date: Tuesday, October 16 Times: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Age: All Ages
Fee: Free

**Location:** GEHS Auditorium

Check out these programs and more online at www.gardnerkansas.gov, or at the Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Gardner, KS:

- Scrapbooking
- Christmas Card Making Parties
- Card Making Party
- Quilting Classes
- Youth Art Classes
- Christmas in the Park
- Santa's Workshop
- Jingle Bell Shop
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Senior Citizens Trips/Activities
- Special Olympics Activities
- Athletic Standings and Schedules

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									the programs you have enrolled in; confirmations are
									not sent.

#### Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE:I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.



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I have read	l and understand the liability release and refund p	olicy;
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Signature:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_

#### **Project Updates**

West Lincoln Lane Project Underway

directly Lincoln Lane behind Chopper, will be improved this year. The reconstruction of Lincoln Lane will be completed in phases to allow local traffic and truck delivery. Water lines and electric lines will be relocated in various areas along Lincoln Lane to avoid conflicts with the new infrastructure (the project includes storm water improvements that will be completed before the construction of the Moonlight Road expansion). Due to these relocations, utility services may temporarily interrupted for short durations. Properties expected to be affected will be notified 24 to 48 hours prior potential utility disruptions.

2007 Concrete Repair and Replacement Program began the end of July. The scope of work includes replacement of curb, gutter, and sidewalk ramps in conjunction with the 2007 Pavement Rehabilitation & Maintenance Program. The locations for this year's program are available at www.gardnerkanser available at www.gardnerkanser gov/go/public works.php, under Current Projects. These roads were chosen because they are heavily traveled and are in the worst condition per the Street Inventory.

2007 Asphalt Rehabilitation will begin mid-August and will be complete by the end of August. The scope of work includes milling and resurfacing of the streets listed at www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/ public\_works.php, under Current Projects.

2007 Slurry Seal Street Rehabilitation will begin mid-October and will be completed by the end of October, weather permitting. To learn if your street will be part of the slurry seal program visit <a href="https://www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/public\_works.php">www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/public\_works.php</a>, under Current Projects.



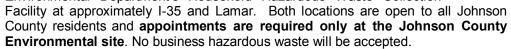
#### Celebration Park Update

Construction on the new Celebration Park continues this fall. Several of the structures are nearing completion, they include: two large picnic shelters, a maintenance building, and two concession and restroom buildings. Athletic field lighting is now in place and a second seeding of the fields will occur later this fall, for play in spring 2008.

#### Fall Hazardous Household Waste Round-Up

Did you know that Johnson County host a twice-a-year joint household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events and the next county-wide collection is September 15<sup>th</sup>?

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, between 8:00 am and Noon, county residents can take their HHW to one of two collection locations: the City of Olathe's Municipal Services Center at 1420 S. Robinson, and the Johnson County Environmental Department's Household Hazardous Waste Collection



For a list of common household hazardous materials accepted at collection facilities, go to <a href="http://jced.jocogov.org/">http://jced.jocogov.org/</a> and click on Hazardous Materials, where you can also make an appointment at the Johnson County facility. Or call the facility at 913-715-6900.

For more information about the City of Olathe facility, call 913-971-9311 or for general information visit their web site at <a href="https://www.olatheks.org">www.olatheks.org</a>. In addition, both these collection facilities are open year round.

#### **Community Calendar**

Gardner Historical Museum
August & September:



"Where The Trails Divide" Kansas and Local Gardner Trail History Exhibit

www.gardnerhistorymuseum.org

City Offices Closed
Labor Day Holiday
September 3rd



Check the Calendar of Events taking place during the Festival on the Trails Weekend September 14 and 15, 2007

www.gardnerkansas.gov

Upcoming Youth Events sponsored by Gardner Parks and Recreation include: Watercolor Class—October Little Buckaroo Days—Oct. 6 Pumpkin Carving—Oct. 19 Babysitting Clinic—Oct. 27 For more information on these and other activities, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/catalog-ss06.php or call 913-856-0936

Don't Forget Boo Bash!

October 31 6 to 8 pm



Fall is in the air and Gardner Parks and Recreation is holding it's annual Halloween Boo Bash which promises to be the biggest and best one yet! There will be games, activities, candy, prizes and lots of fun.

www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/ event-boobash.php or 913-856-0936



Lost a Pet? Check our Lost Animals Page at

www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/ lost animals.php



### **Public Safety Station #2**



Metal structure for Plum Creek Station Rises

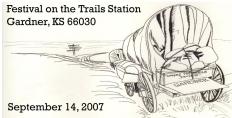
Construction is well underway on Gardner's newest Department of Public Safety Station, located on 183rd Street, next to the Water Tower.

Ninety percent of the framing has been constructed and exterior work will begin in early September. The new station should open before 2008.

#### Postal Service to Offer Special Date Stamp

The U.S. Postal Service commemorates the Festival on the Trails with two special postage cancellations starting on September 14th. The Post Office will offer two pictorial cancellations that weekend - one honoring Gardner's Sesquicentennial and another for the Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race, which makes a stop in Gardner during the festival. The artwork for the Gardner

Sesquicentennial cancellation was created by local artist Jamie Lavin. It depicts the back end of a wagon train approaching the division of the Santa Fe and the Oregon/California trails just west of Gardner. A sign on the back of a covered wagon reads, "Where the Trails Divide, Gardner."



# Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.

**City Council Work Session** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

#### Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Gardner Municipal Court**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address
www.gardnerkansas.gov

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